

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 755

By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to commend Brenda L. Cleaver for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the Acting Field Office Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Nashville Office.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brenda L. Cleaver, a highly respected member of the Nashville community, is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as the Acting Field Office Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Nashville Office, Brenda L. Cleaver has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, the principal management official and point-of-contact person for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Middle Tennessee operations, Ms. Cleaver is responsible for the provision of HUD's programs and services to the political, educational, ethnic, community development, real estate, and housing construction communities of Middle

Tennessee; in addition, she is responsible for ensuring effective service delivery to HUD's clients, partners, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Brenda L. Cleaver has enjoyed a long and distinguished career with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, having ably served as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, in Washington D.C.; Acting Director of the Program Operations and Standards Divisions in HUD Headquarters; and as an Equal Opportunity Specialist in HUD's San Francisco, Denver, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. field offices; and

WHEREAS, her chief responsibilities have involved the creation and development of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity standards for HUD's housing and community development programs; based on civil rights laws and statutes, those standards are known as civil-rights-related program requirements and are written into program regulations, handbooks, notices, and grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cleaver has also been responsible for the provision of policy guidance and training for the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity field staff, HUD program staff, HUD clients, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cleaver's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., Ms. Cleaver is a graduate of Howard University and has received many awards and honors for outstanding performance and contributions to the communities in which she has served; and

WHEREAS, Brenda L. Cleaver is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor to the people of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Brenda L. Cleaver is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Brenda L. Cleaver for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the Acting Field Office Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Nashville Office and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.